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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: First Report of JIGSAW Committee

The Interdepartmental Intelligence Committee for International Communism (JIGSAW), which is functioning under an IAC Agreement negotiated in May, 1949, herewith submits a status report together with certain recommendations.

1. Since its initial meeting on 28 June, 1949, the JIGSAW Committee has made modest progress in planning and coordinating the production of intelligence on international communism.

2. The problems of duplication and overlap in production, and of exchange of information, are being met by a detailed survey of production, and by an agreement for continuing interchange of data and programs. In addition, a sub-committee of JIGSAW meets frequently to discuss related matters.

3. In regard to intelligence production, the JIGSAW Committee has drawn up a priority program (attached as Tab B), composed of ten projects which are believed to touch upon the most urgent requirements of the US Government in this field. The program was established after an examination of some one hundred proposals which, in turn, were based upon a draft framework submitted by a sub-committee of JIGSAW, (attached as Tab A).

4. Because of the importance the Committee attaches to the early production of these ten priority projects, it is recommended that:

a. Tab A be presented to the IAC for information and Tab B for review and comment;

b. The members of the IAC be requested to have their agencies undertake, as a matter of priority, production of such of the projects listed in Tab B as fall within their fields of responsibility.

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5. The Committee does not feel that future lists of priority projects, such as that given in Tab B, need be similarly forwarded for specific approval by the IAC. Instead, it is believed preferable for the members of JIGSAW to exercise negotiating powers for their agencies on problems of allocation and production commitments.

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Attachments: 2
1. Tab A
2. Tab B

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